

**Second Sunday  
In Ordinary Time**  
January 17, 2010

We know and believe  
in God's love for us!

## **We All Have Special Talents**

Dear Parishioners,

In the second reading today, St. Paul tells the Corinthians – and he also tells us at St. John's Church – that the Holy Spirit gives unique gifts to each one of us. That is wonderful to think about. The Holy Spirit has a plan for each one of us. The Holy Spirit gives us special talents and gifts and also time to use these blessings to build up the Body of Christ in El Cerrito.

Please take a few moments to ask yourself: "What are my gifts?" "What special talents did God give me?"

Some of our gifts seem unimportant, but they are critical to living our lives as God intended. For example: Some of us can make wonderful soup that feeds not only the body but also the soul. Some of us are great cleaners, and we use our talents to beautify the church and perhaps our sick neighbor's home. Some of us have a compassionate heart, and that allows us to reach out to the sick and lonely and frail. Some of us have the gifts of deep prayer, and our mission in life is to pray for others. Some of us are teachers, and we use our gifts to educate both children and adults.

The bottom line is that we are all gifted Christians. Our challenge is how we use these gifts of the Holy Spirit to make this world a better place.

Peace,  
Fr. John

### **A Huge Thank You**

Our parish is deeply grateful to the Olivero family for sponsoring our yearly church calendar. The Oliveros pay for the calendars so our members may have them without cost. That is a wonderful example of being a good steward.

EDITOR'S NOTE: This column and all of Father John's previous columns are available on our parish Web site. Just go to [www.SaintJohnTheBaptistChurch.org](http://www.SaintJohnTheBaptistChurch.org) and click on the picture of the church.

# Mass Intentions for the Week

**January 16 – 23, 2010**

		<b>Intention</b>	<b>Requested By</b>
Saturday, Jan. 16	5 p.m.	Joan Walz †	Caramagno Family
Sunday, Jan. 17	8 a.m.	Christy Adona –Thanksgiving	Esther Taylor
	9:30 a.m.	Cathy Taylor – Thanksgiving	Esther Taylor
	11 a.m.	Nnamdi Uche †	Uche Family
	12:30 p.m.	Monica, Tom & Sarah – Congratulations	Nana & Kathy Klatt
	6 p.m.	St. John's Parishioners	Brazilian Community
Monday, Jan. 18	8 a.m.	Leonor F. Tiongson †	Uncle Benny & Aunt Perla
Tuesday, Jan. 19	8 a.m.	Jesus Juntilla Sr. †	Pedro, Joy & Children
Wednesday, Jan. 20	8 a.m.	Renaldo Marin †	Marin Family
Thursday, Jan. 21	8 a.m.	Eugene & Mary Huang – Thanksgiving	Huang Family
Friday, Jan. 22	8 a.m.	Aleandrino Cabading †	Pajuleras Family
Saturday, Jan. 23	8 a.m.	Kathy Lawrence †	Janet Chavez
	5 p.m.	Carmela Tringali †	Caramagno Family

## Stewardship

Envelopes & EFT (208)	\$5,281
Loose Donations	<u>1,671</u>
<b>Total Regular Collection</b>	<b>\$6,952</b>

**Please remember your parish in your will.**

## Message of Stewardship

In today's second reading, St. Paul tells the Corinthians (and us) that all of our gifts are from God, and that they are given – not for ourselves alone – but for the common good. But the generosity of God knows no limits. The miracle at Cana reminds us that whenever we faithfully do as God asks, He can change our gifts of water into wine!

## Office Closed on Monday

St. John the Baptist church office will be closed Monday, Jan. 18, in observance of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday.



Angela Feng	Amanda Hsueh
Hwan Lee	Jye Lee
Anne Tsai	

## Let Us Pray for the Sick:

Josephine Abbissinio, Dorothy Alexander, Evelyn Baker, Terry Barber, George Blair, Barbara Brendlinger, Elizabeth Brown, Jeffrey Chavez, Isabella Kristine Cruz, Deloris Davis, Lou Encalada, Narte Estrellas, Michael Fleming, Emilio Gallegos, Ann Gerletti, Irma Gherlone, Teresa Grant, Domingos Gregorio, Frances Haynes, Steve Jeffre, Geraldine Judt, Maria Impang Lozada, Eric Lubrano, Fr. John Maxwell, Deanie McGowan, Evelyn & John Miche, Bob Moore, Lolita Parafina, Stephen Pellingra, Evelyn Phillips, Dina Pieroni, Leola Richardson, Sr. Mary Soong, Amy Stymer and Marilyn Sutton.

Please call the rectory to add or remove names.

**NEW PARISHIONERS** who would like to register or those who would like to update their information, please complete this form and place it in the collection basket.

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

## **Feast on Crab Feb. 13**

Tickets are now on sale for our seventh annual parish crab feed, this year known as **Cupid's Crab Feast**.

It will be held on Saturday evening, Feb. 13 – the day before Valentine's Day and the last Saturday before Lent.

Tickets are \$40 a person (the same as the last two years), and \$45 at the door. The Navea family will be our chefs.

No-host cocktails and hors d'oeuvres will start at 6 p.m., followed by dinner at 7 o'clock.

You can purchase tickets at the church exits or by going online to [www.sjcrabfeed.com](http://www.sjcrabfeed.com).

Seating is limited, so please buy your tickets now!

### **. . . and Donate a Gift**

If you received a Christmas gift that you don't need or which duplicates something you already have, please consider donating it for St. John's upcoming Cupid's Crab Feast auction.

You can drop off your donation at the parish office, or call us at 232-5659 for a pickup.

## **School Crab Feed Feb. 6**

St. John's School will conduct its annual crab feed on Saturday, Feb. 6.

Doors will open at 6 p.m., followed by dinner at 7:30. There will also be an auction and raffle, and musical entertainment. Gift baskets will be raffled during dinner.

The cost is \$35 per person, which must be received by Jan. 22 or until the event is sold out. Please make checks payable to St. John PTG and send to the school office at 11156 San Pablo Ave.

Due to the popularity of this event, an early response is encouraged.

## **Stewardship Meeting Tuesday**

St. John's Stewardship Committee will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 19, in the Conference Room to plan this year's program.

All parishioners are welcome to attend.

## **Walk for Life Next Saturday**

Join upwards of 30,000 pro-lifers next Saturday, Jan. 23, for the 6th annual Walk for Life in San Francisco, as participants peacefully proclaim their message that abortion hurts women and we all deserve better than abortion.

The program begins at 11 a.m., with the walk starting at noon at Justin Herman Plaza.

For more information, visit the Web site [www.walkforlifewc.com](http://www.walkforlifewc.com). To volunteer or to arrange buses, please call (415) 586-1576 or e-mail questions to [info@walkforlifewc.com](mailto:info@walkforlifewc.com).

## **Standing Up for Life**

Walk and help change the perceptions of a culture that thinks aborting children is an option. This year's theme of the third annual Standing Up 4Life Walk from noon to 2 p.m. Friday, Jan. 22, at the Oakland City Hall is "The Impact of Abortion in the Minority Community."

Guest speakers will be Dr. Clenard H. Childress, assistant to the national director of the Life Education and Resource Network, the nation's largest African-American pro-life organization, and Ignacio Reyes, a pro-life activist and executive director of the Live Action San Jose chapter.

For more information, visit [www.issues4life.org](http://www.issues4life.org) and click on Events.

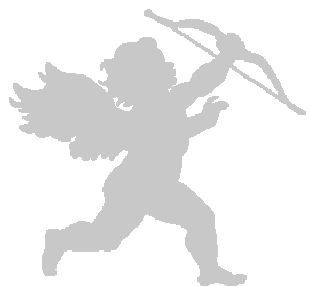
## **East Bay Memorial Prayer Service**

Join Bishop Cordileone and other invited guests to remember and pray for those suffering as a result of abortion at the second annual East Bay Memorial Prayer Service Vigil, 7 to 9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 22, at Christ the Light Cathedral.

## **Cathedral Boys Chorus**

The Oakland Diocese has announced that the Cathedral and the San Francisco Boys Chorus have formed a partnership naming the group, Choir-in-Residence at the Cathedral.

This alliance brings opportunities for East Bay boys to audition with the chorus. An application and information can be found at [www.sfbc.org/new/index.php/auditions/sfbc-audition-info](http://www.sfbc.org/new/index.php/auditions/sfbc-audition-info).



# St. John the Baptist Parish's Cupid's Crab Feast



*You are invited*

*Saturday, February 13, 2010  
St. John's Auditorium  
Kearney Street entrance  
El Cerrito*

*To a banquet featuring*

*No-Host Cocktails • 6 p.m. • Hors d'oeuvres galore*

*Dinner at 7 p.m.  
Feast on Hot Roasted Garlic Crabs  
Pasta, Salad, Rolls  
Dessert, Coffee and Tea*

*Raffle • Mini Live Auction • Silent Auction*

*Please join us in this endeavor to raise funds while having a wonderful time*

*Cost: \$40 per person*

*We will be happy to attend  
Cupid's Crab Feast  
to support St. John's Parish  
on Saturday, Feb. 13, 2010*

*Name* \_\_\_\_\_

*Address* \_\_\_\_\_

*City/ZIP* \_\_\_\_\_

*Tickets \$40 a person*

\_\_\_\_\_ seat(s) \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
*(For group purchase, list all  
names on separate sheet)*

*(Price at door \$45)*

*We cannot attend, but wish  
to contribute to St. John's*  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_

*Check payable to  
St. John's Church  
is enclosed for \$* \_\_\_\_\_

*Or go online to  
www.SJcrabfeed.com*

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*No refunds*

## Catholic Voice Online

The Catholic Voice is now available online at [www.catholicvoiceoakland.org](http://www.catholicvoiceoakland.org)

In this issue you'll find . . .

- Oakland's St. Bernard School will suspend operations by the end of January.
  - St. Ignatius Parish of Antioch divests funds from Bank of America over mortgage modification promises.
  - Oakland's murder victims of 2009 are remembered in ceremony of crosses at St. Columba Parish.
  - Catholic Charities of the East Bay begins year-long celebration of their 75th anniversary.
  - Bishop Salvatore Cordileone reflects on "Why I became a priest," the beginning of a series in this "Year for Priests."
  - Local Franciscan Father Louis Vitale detained on Cairo street while on march to Gaza.
  - Marin teens struggle when parents are deported to Guatemala after 17 years in the U.S.
  - Diocese offers 'clear speech' training for foreign-born priests.
- . . . these, your favorite features, and much more.

## Does Law Reflect Morality?

Cathleen Kaveny, a *Commonweal* columnist and professor of law at the University of Notre Dame, will speak on "Law, Morality and the Culture Wars" at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 25, at the Dominican School of Philosophy and Theology (2301 Vine St., Berkeley) in Classroom 1.

Many of the most contentious issues in our society – abortion, gay marriage, euthanasia – involve the relationship of law and morality. While we can't get rid of the controversy, we might be able to alleviate it by developing a more sophisticated understanding of how law operates.

## School Accepting Applications

St. John the Baptist School is now accepting applications for the 2010-11 school year and is testing students for all grades, K through 8.

You can pick up an application at the school, call 234-2244 or see [www.stjohnec.org](http://www.stjohnec.org).

## EC o Celebrate King Day

El Cerrito will conduct its 21st annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day on Monday, Jan. 18, with the theme, "Owning the Dream ... Making It Personal."

Those who wish to march in the parade are asked to gather at the Department of Motor Vehicles lot at 9 a.m. The parade starts at 9:30 a.m. at the DMV and ends at the El Cerrito High School gym (Ashbury Avenue).

A program and rally will be conducted at the high school from 10:30 a.m. to noon, including entertainment, music, dance, singing and family fun. For more details, please call Patricia Durham at 234-2518.

## Hercules Will Mark MLK Day

The Rev. Byron Williams, pastor of the Resurrection Community Church, will deliver the keynote address at the City of Hercules' 14th annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration on Monday, Jan. 18.

The theme will be "Engaging the Masses – a Call to Action."

The program at the Hercules Middle/High School Cafeteria, 1900 Refugio Valley Road. will begin with a continental breakfast at 10 a.m., followed by a celebration program from 11:30 to 1 p.m. For more information, please call 799-8200.

## Bingo at St. Joseph School

St. Joseph School will offer bingo on Saturday, Feb. 6, with door prizes, raffles and much more.

Doors will open at 4 p.m. at 1961 Plum St., with the games set to begin at 5 p.m.

## St. John's Seniors

St. John the Baptist Community Center  
6500 Gladys St., corner of Lexington

Director: Jan Duckart 527-2850

Telephone 237-3808 on Tuesdays

Tuesday, Jan. 19:

"Preventing Falls for Seniors"

Colleen Campbell,

Seniors Injury Prevention Program